

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/05/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-47.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is response to communications: application, filed 10/25/2001; amendment filed 06/05/2006. Claims 1-47 are pending; claims 1, 10, 20 are amended; claims 2-3 are cancelled.

2. The applicant's arguments file on 06/05/2006 have fully considered; claims 1, 4-47 are allowed

Reasons for allowance

With respect to claims 1 and 20. The prior arts of record, singly or in combination fails to teach the features of claim(s) limitations thereof. Specially, inter alia, it fails to teach a method, a system and computer software for a door access control and key management system, therefrom the door control/lock assemble, the door administering system and the key administering system communicating with each other through a communications network, the door control/lock assembly for identifying a user key presented by a key user, and for operating the door based on the access privilege of the key user when the identified user key is a key administered by the key administering system, and the key user is a individual authorized to any of the one or more doors by the door administering system and having access authorization to the door.

The door access control and key management system comprises:

- A door administering system for administering access to one or more doors, which including:

A module for managing access privilege of one or more individuals for each door and assigning access authorization to each individual of the door; a door database for storing a door identification uniquely assigned to each door and information on each authorization individual for each door; and a module for changing data stored in the door database.

- A key administering system for administering one or more keys separately for the administration of the access to the door, each key being uniquely assigned to a key owner, which including:

A module for managing the one or more keys and assigned a key to the key owner independently for the access privilege for each door; a key database for storing one or more keys for each key owner; a module for changing data stored in the key database

- A door control/lock assembly mounted on each door.

Wherein the door control/lock assemble, the door administering system and the key administering system communicating with each other through a communications network, the door control/lock assembly for identifying a user key presented by a key user, and for operating the door based on the access privilege of the key user when the identified user key is a key administered by the key administering system, and the key user is a individual authorized to any of the one or more doors by the door administering system and having access authorization to the door

Claims 4-19, 21-47 further limit the allowed claims, therefore they are also allowed

Conclusions

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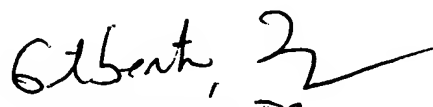
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance"

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lan-Dai Thi Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-7959. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday from 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Barron Jr. Gilberto can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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